

Prepositional Phrase Maker

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preposition

article(s) and adjective(s)

noun

Noun Expander

adjective

common noun

adjective phrase

Simple Sentence Expander

subject

verb

_____	_____
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adjective

adverb

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Verb Expander

verb

adverb

adverb phrase

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Dependent Clause Maker

*subordinating
conjunction*

subject

predicate

Adjective (Relative) Clause Maker

relative pronoun

predicate

Dependent Clause Maker - With Subject/Verb

subject/verb:

subordinating
conjunction

subject

predicate

Adjective (Relative) Clause Maker - With Subject

subject:

relative pronoun

predicate

Noun/Pronoun Exchanger

noun

pronoun it replaces

_____		_____
_____		_____
_____		_____
_____		_____
_____		_____
_____		_____

Verb Conjugator

verb:

I

we

you

you

he/she/it

they

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Adjective/Noun Builder

adjective noun

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Verb/Adverb Builder

verb adverb

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Verb Tense Creator

verb:

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past (yesterday)

present (today)

future (tomorrow)

singular

I

you

he/she/it

plural

we

you

they

Blank lines for past tense conjugation

Blank lines for present tense conjugation

Blank lines for future tense conjugation

Noun Expander - Advanced

noun:

adjective

adjective phrase

adjective clause

Verb Expander - Advanced

verb:

adverb

adverb phrase

adverb clause

Using Grammar Builder Writing Expanders

Grammar Builder Writing Expanders can be used in a variety of ways to reinforce your students' understandings of important grammatical concepts. These charts focus primary attention on *constructing* students' writing rather than *analyzing* someone else's writing. Always remember, we study grammar to become better writers!

Writing Expanders help students reinforce and practice grammatical concepts, rather than introducing or teaching them. Once a concept is taught, use these laminated charts with an appropriate marker to show students how the concept works in application and to move the student toward constructing better sentences. Many of these charts can be used multiple times with the same student or class group.

Having multiple sets of charts available increases what you can do with them. Use Card 2, Verb Expander, as an example. Both the tutor and the student have a copy of the card. Each fills out the verb column. Then, they switch cards, and the tutor adds adverbs to the student's verbs and the student adds adverbs to the tutor's verbs. Finally, the cards are switched again, so that adverb phrases can be added, completing the cards. Both the tutor and the student can read the finished products (straight across) aloud. In a class setting, students pair up and switch cards as they build sentence parts. Each student can read his or her favorite one (once again, straight across). Cards are numbered for easy reference in a group setting.